The Week Ahead

Hi everyone,

You may have seen the news this morning of the report of

the Past Cases Review.

We'd like to apologise that we weren't able to get the report or press release online as early as we'd hoped due to problems with the Methodist website - we are sorry that that some of you couldn't find it straightaway.

Anna will be staffing the out-of-hours support line this week (07881783812).

Wishing you all a wonderful week,

Toby

Past Cases Review:

Apology to survivors

If you've been watching the news this morning, you may have seen that the Past Cases Review has now published its report. **Courage, Cost and Hope: The Report of the Past Cases Review** is available online here. Speaking on behalf of the Church, the Revd Dr Martyn Atkins has issued a full and unreserved apology to survivors and victims of abuse in response to the report, which you can read here.

Please pray for all survivors and victims of abuse, both within the Methodist Church and elsewhere. Please also pray for our Church, that we may resolve to do all in our power to improve its systems to protect children, young people and adults from abuse within the life of the Church. You may find the following prayer helpful:

Life-giving God,

Rome's Invisible City

Monday, 9pm, BBC One

Alexander Armstrong is joined by Dr Michael Scott to explore the underground treasures that made Rome the powerhouse of the ancient world.

Wild Exmoor

We pray for the courage to live with our past,

strength to live in our present

and hope to live into the future.

Amen.

However thorough the review has been, there will undoubtedly be cases that have not been reported and the Church would encourage survivors and victims and

Monday, 8pm, ITV

A documentary following the wildlife and people of Exmoor National Park through the seasons.

Where am I sleeping tonight?

Monday, 9pm, BBC Three

Martin Read uses his own past experiences to take a look at homelessness in Britain.

In Ukraine

Today 4:20pm,

BBC Radio World Service

Fergal Keane returns to eastern Ukraine to investigate the fighting despite the February truce.

The Sunday Hour

Sunday 6am,

BBC Radio 2

Diane Louise Jordan plays uplifting spiritual music - hymns, gospel and choral classics.

Sunday

Sunday, 7:10am,

BBC Radio 4

those with any information to contact the <u>Safeguarding</u> <u>Team</u>. They will be listened to and support will be offered.

If you are approached by a member of the media for comment on this, please refer them directly to me (0207 467 5208) or Anna Drew (0207 467 5191).

'Mutual cooperation, not mutual destruction' say Churches

Following an **unprecedented 107** nations having signed a pledge to "stigmatise, prohibit and eliminate nuclear weapons in light of their unacceptable humanitarian consequences and associated risks", four major UK Churches have welcomed the news, but called on the UK Government to unblock discussion of new multilateral disarmament initiatives. Click here for the full press release.

Calling all photographers

You only have three days left to enter your photos into the Local Preachers and Worship Leaders Photo Competition. For more information, guidelines and categories click here. Make sure your entries are in by **Sunday 31 May**.

Moody & Sankey: The revival years

This **Sunday 31 May**, Methodist Central Hall Westminster will be holding a unique performance focusing on the great British 19th century revival, led by evangelist D L Moody and his famed singer Ira D Sankey. Entrance is free and click here for more information.

This week in Parliament

Sunday morning religious news and current affairs programme.

See <u>The Radio Times</u> for further listings.

This week's **parliamentary business** can be found online here.

Reflections

In the coming week the <u>Prayer Handbook</u> will be encouraging us to pray with Christians in Central Europe, Southern Europe, West Africa, Britain and Ireland and the Church around the world. The theme for next week's <u>A Word in Time</u> Bible studies is **The Glory of God**.

Video Thursday: The Methodist Church Fund in El Salvador

This week's film is a great reminder of the **positive and exciting work** of the Church around the world. It shows some of the great work going on in El Salvador, thanks to the World Mission Fund. Click <u>here</u> to see for yourself.

The Week Ahead is a regular mailing that aims to give people a heads up on upcoming events and opportunities, as well as highlighting new information and resources. We don't always remember everything, so please do <a href="mailto:email

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